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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Yoshirou YAMAZAKI  
IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
Our Ref. Q61627

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including fifty-one (51) sheets of the specification, claims, and twenty-one (21) sheets of drawings. The requisite U.S. Government Filing fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

|                    |    |   |    |   |   |   |         |   |                 |
|--------------------|----|---|----|---|---|---|---------|---|-----------------|
| Total claims       | 24 | - | 20 | = | 4 | x | \$18.00 | = | \$72.00         |
| Independent claims | 2  | - | 3  | = |   | x | \$80.00 | = | \$0.00          |
| Base Fee           |    |   |    |   |   |   |         |   | \$710.00        |
| <b>TOTAL FEE</b>   |    |   |    |   |   |   |         |   | <b>\$782.00</b> |

Priority is claimed from December 02, 1999 based on JP Application No. 99-343565. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, December 4, 2000, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,  
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